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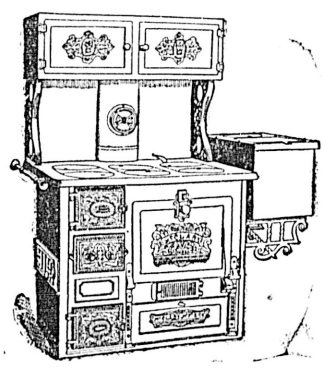

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TENDERS will be received by the undersigned for house, outbuildings, (with two or four lots to suit purchaser) up to 30th January. Apply Wm. Radford, "Radcroft," Oak Bay avenue. de25

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No. 267.

BY-LAW

Respecting the Municipal Election for the City of Victoria for the year 1897.

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of City of Victoria enacts as follows:

1. The nomination of candidates for the respective offices of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Victoria shall take place at the City Hall, in the aforesaid city, on Monday, the 11th day of January, 1897, from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

2. In case more than one candidate for Mayor is nominated the vote of the electors for candidates for the said office shall be taken by ballot in the Court Room, in the City Hall aforesaid, on Thursday, the 14th day of January, 1897, from 8 a.m to 4 p.m.

3. In case there are more candidates nominated for the office of Aldermen in any Ward than there are vacancies to fill up, the vote of the electors for the candidates for the said office shall be taken by ballot on the 14th day of January, 1897, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the respective places following, that is to say:

For the North Ward—At Room 11 of the Public Market Building, Cormorant street.

For the Central Ward—At the building on the southwest corner of Douglas and Pandora streets.

For the South Ward—At No. 27 Government Street (east side).

4. The provisions of the "Election By-law," passed the 3rd March, 1888, and the schedules thereto, and the "Election Amendment By-law, 1892," so far as applicable and not inconsistent with this by-law and the "Municipal Elections Act, 1896," shall be read with and form part of this by-law.

5. William Walter Northcott is hereby appointed the Returning Officer at the said elections; Robert H. Johnston is hereby appointed Deputy Returning Officer at the said election for the office of Mayor; James H. Falconer is hereby appointed Deputy Returning Officer for the North Ward at the said election; William Burnes is hereby appointed Deputy Returning Officer for the Central Ward at the said election, and Thomas J. Dearburg, is hereby appointed Deputy Returning Officer for the South Ward at the said election.

6. The "Municipal Election By-law, 1896," is hereby repealed.

7. This by-law may be cited as the "Municipal Election By law, 1897."

Passed the Municipal Council the 21st day of December, 1896.

Reconsidered, adopted, and finally passed the Council the 23rd day of December, A.D. 1896.

[L.S] ROBERT BEAVEN, Mayor.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C.M.C.

NOTICE!

The above is a true copy of a by-law passed by the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria on the 23rd day of December, A.D. 1896, and all persons are hereby required to take notice that anyone desirous of applying to have such by-law, or any part thereof, quashed, must make his application for that purpose to the Supreme Court of B.C. within three months next after the publication of this by-law in the British Columbia Gazette, or he will be too late to be heard in that behalf.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C.M.C.

de25

BIG EXPRESS ROBBERY.

Train Held Up in the Blue Cut Near Kansas City.

The Scene of Several Extensive Operations by the James Gang.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—The Chicago and Alton express which was held up by masked bandits in the Blue Cut near Independence, Mo., made famous by the exploits of the James and Younger bands, on Wednesday night, arrived at St. Louis this afternoon. V. G. D. Frier, the messenger in charge of the robbed car, two trainmen and the Pullman car porter and conductor were the only ones of the crew on board. The story as obtained from these men stated that the robbery was one of the cleverest and best pieces of work done by road agents during the year. Messenger Frier is in a bad state of mind. He feels terribly broken up over the matter. The first thing he said when the train men asked him how he had fared was that the company had been hit hard. He says he cannot tell how much was taken. When seen, he said; "I was busy, especially so that trip, and thought we had stopped on account of a breakdown or something of that sort. I heard no voices outside. When the knock came I supposed it was a brakeman and opened the door, then I was helpless. The robber threw my shotgun out of car and broke it to pieces. They certainly knew their business and were very polite, but it would not have been safe to have resisted them. The politeness of the robbers impressed all who saw them. The trainmen said they were well dressed. The leader was a little under the influence of drink. He was so jovial that when he took $4 from Conductor Nicholes, he gave $2 of it back to him.

Frier told the story of the robbery thus: About five minutes after the express car was detached from the train he heard a rap at the side door, and, thinking it was a train man, he opened, and a man with a shotgun compelled him to retreat into the car, while two others followed with revolvers and ordered him to throw up his hands. The men then pulled him from the car and asked him if he had any money. He was too excited to answer. They then picked him up and threw him bodily back into the car, and one of the men who wore a mask, as did the others, climbed in. The man got out a case and proceeded to the large safe and threw down a kit of tools in front of it. The other two held guns at Frier's head, while the third one proceeded coolly to break open the safe.

Frier told the man who was at work on the large safe that it was useless for him to blow it open, as there was no money in it. One of the other men who stood at the door covering Frier all the time with a revolver, then said: "Well, d——n you, give us the keys for the small safe."

Frier refused to do this, and the two men, who had remained on the outside, jumped into the car. They leaped on Frier, pinned him to the floor and took the keys of the small safe away from him. He was then chucked up into a corner and, with two shotguns held at his head, told to stay there.

The third man then took the keys, opened the small safe and took from it a number of packages of money and, after the robbers had secured the contents of the small safe, they again attempted to open the large one. A small hole about one-eighth of an inch was made in the large safe and two sticks of dynamite put in. Frier again told the men they were wasting time, as there was not a penny in the large safe.

At this they desisted from their attempt to blow it open and prepared to leave. Before they went away one of the men walked over to Frier, and, taking a $2 bill from his pocket, said:

"Here, help yourself to a Christmas present. We made a good haul."

They then started to leave the car, but in doing so turned to Frier, who by this time was greatly excited, and told him that they had used him fair and that he ought to give them something out of his salary. Frier said he did not have any money on his person, but they did not believe him, and made a search of his clothing. Two of the men then jumped from the car, but the third one pushed Frier through the open door down to the side of the track. They then compelled him to climb up on the front end of the car and set the brake. After the brake had been set the robbers drove Frier back into his car and closed the door, telling him at the same time to remain there on peril of his life.

As soon as the express messenger had been driven into the car the robbers boarded the engine and went at a high rate of speed about two miles, where it was abandoned.

The story is thus detailed in a Kansas City dispatch: At 9.20 o'clock the St. Louis & Chicago express, which left Kansas City at 8.45, was flagged at Blue Cut, and came to a standstill. Masked men immediately covered the engineer and fireman, and compelled them to get down from their cab. At the same time another member of the band uncoupled the express car from the rest of the train. The robbers quickly climbed on board the locomotive and express car, and before the surprised trainmen had had time to collect their wits the bandits were speeding down the steep grade beyond Blue Cut with the engine and express car. The express messenger, A. J. Frier, of St. Louis, was a prisoner in the express car.

It was at Blue Cut in 1885 that the James' gang held up a Chicago & Alton express train and made one of the biggest hauls in the history of train robbing. A few years later another big train robbery was committed at the same place, and two months ago to-night, on October 23, the hold-up at Blue Cut occurred. The men who planned the robbery in October were local novices and got shot. Two members of the gang have since been arrested and are in jail. Their accomplices are known and are fugitives.

Though Blue Cut is less than 15 miles from Kansas City, it is in a wild and unsettled section, and an ideal spot for such outlawry. It is a deep cut through solid rock, and, except in broad daylight, is almost as dark as a tunnel. For a long time it was patrolled day and night, but a few years ago, after the bandit gangs about here were supposed to have been effectually broken up, the guards were withdrawn. It is predicted that two train robberies there within as many months will result in a return to the old precautions.

FOR SALE—A good milk cow and Jersey calf. Apply Mr. Evans, Cadboro Bay. d24

SCHOONER FOR SALE.

Sealed tenders are invited by the undersigned until Monday next, December 28th, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purchase of the Schooner Agnes Macdonald, registered tonnage 107 tons, as she lies at anchor in Victoria Harbor, together with sails, 10 shot guns, 1 rifle and 11 sealing boats.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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For Sale by Private Tender.

The good will and stock in trade of the late William Powell, Blacksmith, situate at the corner of Johnson and Broad streets, Victoria, and known as the "Ontario Wagon shop." Tenders stating price and manner of payment, to be sent by Saturday, 9th January, 1897, to the undersigned, at the corner of Yates and Broad streets Victoria.

de25 C. E. RENOUF.

ONE OF THE IMMORTALS

Succeeds de Lesseps in the Academy—An Incendiary Sentenced to Death.

Rough Experiences of Atlantic Liners—Author's Body Found in the Seine.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A dispatch from Rome to the Daily News says: All indications here seem to prove that Spain has been preparing for the event of warlike complications with the United States. The hurried manufacture of a large quantity of cartridges has been ordered at Brescia, and four cruisers have been ordered from the Ansaldo yards in Genoa.

A man named Simon was sentenced to death in Paris after having been convicted on a charge of setting fire to lodgings with a view to defrauding insurance companies, and thereby causing the death of a man by burning.

Three convicts who were returning to-day at Dartmoor prison, from outdoor labor, made a desperate attempt to escape. One of them was shot dead, and the other two escaped. Of the two convicts who escaped, one was wounded by a shot from the guards, and was afterwards recaptured.

M. Anatole, poet and literateur, was received to-day as a member of the Academy and pronounced an eloquent tribute to the memory of the late Count Ferdinand de Lesseps, who died December 7, 1894, and whose seat M. Franceo takes. He summed up the great Frenchman as being imprudent and rash, but as having devoted his life to noble and peaceful tasks.

Arthur Pratt, alias Edward R. Taylor, who, while serving a sentence of six months for burglary, confessed that he had murdered an insane patient in the Eastern Kentucky asylum, for which he was arrested while leaving jail at Oxford, December 18, on application of the U. S. embassy, was examined at the Bow Street, London, court to-day and was remanded.

General Meredith Reid, formerly minister to Greece, is seriously ill in Paris. He is suffering from bronchitis.

The report that the body of Hubert Crackenthorpe, the author, had been found in the river Seine is confirmed. The body was almost unrecognizable, and had apparently been in the water for about six weeks. There were no signs of violence about the remains. Mr. Crackenthorpe disappeared during October and foul play was suspected.

The North German Lloyd steamer Spree, Capt. Meyer, from New York December 10 for Bremen, arrived at Southampton to-day, had an experience similar to that of the American liner St. Louis, which arrived this morning after encountering very heavy winds. Several of the Spree's boats were stove in, and she was completely covered with snow and frost.

CHRISTMAS AT THE WHITE HOUSE

The Festival Will Be Observed in the Ordinary Way—A Childrens Festival.

WASHINGTON,, Dec. 24.—Christmas at the White House will be observed this year just as it has been in the past during the present administration. The day will be essentially a childrens festival. To-night a big Christmas tree will be placed in the library and Mrs. Cleveland herself will superintend its trimming. Mrs. Cleveland duly remembered the employes by bestowing on each a fine turkey for to-morrow's dinner. A monster bird is now ready for the White house table. It came from Louisville, Ky., a few days ago and weighed fifty-seven pounds.

Pennsylvania Coal Co.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—The Pennsylvania Coal Co. has declared a dividend of 5 per cent. on its stock. The regular dividend rate is 16 per cent. per annum.

THE CROW'S NEST PASS

Vancouver Parties Want to Build the Railway—The C. P. R. Getting Ready.

Destitute Canadians Shipped From Rio Janeiro—The Premier Loses His Valise.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—Mr. Drinkwater, of the C.P.R., says the company is getting ready to tackle the construction of the Crow's Nest railway.

Vancouver parties give notice in the Canada Gazette for a charter to build a railway through the Crow's Nest pass.

The Premier lost his valise in Cornwall. It contained valuable papers.

Gilbert Parker is out with a strong defence of the "Unspeakable Turk."

The inland revenue department is instituting proceedings in connection with the adulteration of spices.

Ottawa electric railway men got up a Santa Claus presentation this afternoon. The affair was so well advertised that traffic on the principal streets was blocked for a time.

Twenty-two destitute Canadians have been shipped from Rio Janeiro to Liverpool, thence they will be sent to Canada at the expense of this country.

NEWS OF THE DOMINION.

(Special to the Colonist.)

More Arrests of Returning Officers.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 24.—About a dozen more arrests were made by the Liberals in the Macdonald constituency to-day. In nearly every case they were returning officers. The arrests are regarded by the Conservatives as mere bluffs.

Chief of the Hurons Dead.

QUEBEC, Dec. 25.—The death is announced at Lorette of Grand Chief Bastien, of the Huron Indian tribe. The deceased has been ill for some time and was aged 76.

Obituaries.

BRANTFORD, Dec. 24.—Ira Vanderlip, of Langford, was found dead last night.

QUEBEC, Dec. 24.—August Gavel, of Ste Antoine, Baie Ste Paul, has been frozen to death.

Attempted Suicide.

HAMILTON, Dec. 24.—Thomas Hall, a moulder, attempted to commit suicide by taking laudanum.

Wanted More Salary.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—Justices Tait, Jette and Taschereau, of the Queen's Bench of Quebec, are here trying to secure higher salaries.

LIEUT.-GOVERNOR M'INNES.

A Vancouver Dispatch Gives the Office to the Senator—McLagan Next in Line.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 24.—(Special)—A Vancouver dispatch published here says: "It is learned on good authority that Senator McInnes, of Victoria, B.C., will succeed to the Lieutenant-Governorship of British Columbia on the retirement of Hon. Mr. Dewdney. Mr. J. C. McLagan, of the Vancouver World, would then succeed to the vacant senatorship.

SYMPATHY WITH CUBANS.

Demonstrations in Their Favor on the Part of Mexicans—Spanish Consulate Threatened.

SAN DIEGO, Cal. Dec. 24.—The patriotism of Mexicans and their fervent love of liberty is shown in their strong sympathy with the Cuban insurgents. Every day during the past six months there have been encounters in the City of Mexico between Mexicans and Spaniards, and the general government is taking severe measures to quell any public demonstration of hostility to Spain.

In the city of San Luis Potosi the feeling runs so high that serious trouble is threatened. Last Wednesday night a mob gathered in that city, inflamed by a circular said to have been written by a Spaniard, and defaming Mexicans and Mexican institutions, especially with reference to the part taken in sympathy with the Cubans. This circular precipitated a riot. A crowd gathered early in the evening, constantly growing in numbers and violence, until at 10 o'clock it had reached the proportions of a mob that swept everything before it.

The mob gathered in front of the Spanish consulate and threatened to demolish the structure, but was finally controlled by one or two cool heads. Banners, inscribed with huge red letters, were flaunted before the consulate, and violent talk and insults bandied. The Spanish consul was in great peril and appealed to the authorities to protect him. The mob finally left, after severe measures had been taken by the police, and plans were hurriedly made to disperse any subsequent gathering.

U. S. CONSUL WOUNDED.

Siamese Soldiers Attack Him—Minister Barret Protests.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A special to the Herald from Bankok says: A number of Siamese soldiers attacked and wounded Mr. Kellet, the United States consul-general here. They demanded the release of a consular clerk who, they alleged, had been unjustly arrested. Mr. Barrett, the United States minister, has protested. The Siamese government is pursuing dilatory tactics, but promises to make an enquiry into the incident.

Hungarian flour, $1.35 per sack at Johns Bros., Douglas street. x

BANK OF ILLINOIS.

Its Second Vice-President Says It Was Wrecked in the Interest of a Street Car Deal.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—W. A. Hammond, second vice-president of the National Bank of Illinois, who has been charged with pulling the wool over the eyes of the directors of the defunct bank, would not talk when seen at his home in Evanston. Through an intimate friend, however, he made a statement calculated to implicate several directors, as well as two or three men not connected with the bank.

"W. A. Hammond is to be made the scapegoat of the failure of the National Bank of Illinois," said the friend. "He is a broken man to-day, but is not any more to blame for the amount of money loaned on Calumet securities than are members of the finance committee of the bank and its directors. It was necessary to their purposes for a man connected with the South Chicago City Railway and an officer of one of the best known banks of this city to depreciate the Calumet electric road's stocks, and to this end these two men brought about the wrecking of the Bank of Illinois. Of the bank's funds, $2,435,000 had been loaned on Calumet securities. The plan is to depreciate Calumet stock, and then buy it; then to combine this valuable property, with sixty-three miles of new track, equipment and franchise, with the South Chicago railway, eventually combining with the Chicago City railway, and to make a fortune of millions within five or ten years.

Members of the finance committee and certain directors of the National Bank of Illinois have known the amount of the Calumet loan, and hoped to make individual fortunes on the success of the venture. Four years ago W. V. Jacobs, who started the Calumet road, borrowed $115,000 and paid it up in full. After that the road passed into their hands, and a loan was made on the securities with the full knowledge of the finance committee of the bank and by President Schneider himself. This loan was too large, but it had been supposed to be for a few weeks only, and the bank, finding itself involved, either had to take the loss or go ahead."

Director Page, of the defunct National bank, went on to explain how the business of the bank as far as the directors were concerned was conducted. Said he: "The directors appointed from among themselves what you might term for convenience sake an auditing committee. The plan was to let one director drop out each month, some other taking his place. Each day the committee would meet at the bank, its business being to pass upon the applications for loans. A record of these applications was kept in a book designed for the purpose. In this book was also kept, opposite the name of each applicant, a record of the collateral offered to effect the loan. When the committee was ready for business, President Schneider would come into the room, bringing with him this book, and another book, in which was recorded the daily balance of the would-be borrower, and also a record of how much he had previously borrowed."

The Post contains the following: "The loan was increased with the full knowledge of members of the finance committee, and later on was made known to the directors. Members of the finance committee and officers of the bank were given stock, and the purpose of the deal was to sell the roads, and besides paying the bank loan, make a good round sum for the directors.

"There has been a severe contest between the General Electric and South Chicago City railway to secure control of the bonds of the Calumet road, and the stocks which go with them, and it was thought that the road could finally be sold for something like $3,000,000 or $4,000,000. It was a brilliant idea for a man connected with the South Chicago City railway to wreck the bank, and the men who had been backing the Calumet through the bank. It has succeeded, and the probabilities are that the Calumet Electric will be sold to the South Chicago City railway man and his friends, the banker who lent his name to the scheme to make a good pot out of the deal for himself.

"The part the banker took in the matter was a safe one. He called the attention of the bank examiner to the fact that Calumet securities had disappeared somewhere, intimating that the National Bank of Illinois had a good share of them and probably had them all. The officers of the bank, finding out that the bank examiner was hot on their trail, began to push the transactions they had on foot for the sale of the securities, and the clearing house became alarmed. Could the matter have been delayed thirty or sixty days, the Calumet Electric securities would not have been found among the bank assets. The sale would have been effected, possibly at a loss to the bank, but without disturbance to the public or heavy loss to stockholders of the bank.

"But this course would not suit the purpose of persons trying to control the Calumet Electric road. Three years ago E. S. Dreyer alone owed the bank $1,000,000, and for three years Mr. Hammond had been trying to reduce that. It was reduced one-half when the doors of the bank closed, and it was due to Vice-President Hammond that this was accomplished. One director in the bank, who had been talking a great deal since the condition of the concern became public, took $12,000 out of the bank Saturday afternoon. There was no excuse for falsification of accounts, for the directors knew the amount of the Calumet loan. You can't cover up a $1,000,000 loan in a bank where directors do their duty."

THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

Will Come Up Again at the Next Session of Parliament—C. P. R. Traffic Returns.

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—(Special)—Archbishop Langevin will spend a few days here before going home. His Grace declares that he will hold out for separate schools, and contends that, as the remedial order still stands, the minority has not lost its right of appeal to the Dominion parliament. It is understood the question will come up again next session.

The C.P.R. traffic for the week ending December 21 was $408,000, and for the same week last year $402,000.

Rattan chairs with nicely upholstered seats and many novelties in the popular Reed furniture at Weiler Bros. x

Dr. Chase's

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YOUNG MEN

With backache, weak back, deposits in the urine and other symptoms of kidney decay should not postpone using Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills.

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KIDNEY-LIVER

TESTIMONIAL

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Very truly yours,
J. F. BROWNING, Kingston, Ont.

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CUBAN AUTONOMY.

The Canadian System Discussed—Spain Will Grant a Certain Measure of Home Rule.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. — Whatever course congress may finally take with respect to the Cameron resolution, the efforts of the present administration at least will continue to be exerted in behalf of an autonomous government for the Cubans. During the correspondence between this government and Spain, the Canadian system has been repeatedly referred to as a model which Spain might do well to follow in granting home rule to her Cuban colonists. The objection, however, has been made, and with some reason, it is admitted, that such a system, which would work admirably with Her Majesty's subjects in Canada, might utterly fail if applied to the Cubans. That Spain has intimated that under certain conditions she would not be adverse to granting a reasonable measure of home rule to the Cubans, is beyond question. However, Spain has insisted that nothing less than a disastrous defeat in battle will cause the insurgents to heed such propositions, and it is regarded in Madrid as useless to attempt any of the reforms suggested until Weyler strikes a decisive blow.

This government, however, does not fully agree with that view of the case, and undoubtedly it is making some progress in its contention for peace on a basis alike reasonable and honorable to the Cubans, as well as to Spain. One of the principal motives which has actuated this government in the course it has taken in this matter is the protection of persons and property of the citizens of the United States now engaged in tobacco and sugar planting in Cuba. Although the planters generally are said to sympathize with the Cuban cause, information has reached this government that as a rule they entertain serious doubts of the ability of the native Cubans, if wholly successful, to maintain a stable and satisfactory government. What the planters most desire is annexation to the United States, but as the administration has plainly made evident, it regards this as out of the question, and the planters next favor an autonomous government, under the executive supervision of Spain.

According to the Washington Star, the old-fashioned molasses is rapidly disappearing as an article of commerce, said a prominent grocer, and in its place have come a number of syrups, which are more costly and by no means as satisfactory, especially to the little ones, who delight, as we did when we were young, in having "'lasses on their bread." Most of the molasses goes into the distilleries, where it is made into rum, for which, notwithstanding the efforts of our temperance workers, the demand is constantly on the increase, especially in the New England States and for the export trade.

TO FORTIFY PUGET SOUND.

Two Millions and a Half for Works to Be Begun Almost Immediately—Repairing Warships.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—In the estimates required by the various departments to meet urgent demands for the service is included a request from the secretary of war for a lump sum of $2,500,000, to be used at once in the construction of fortifications and other works of defence, including gun and mortar batteries and other fortifications to be erected on Puget Sound. A note from W. P. Craighill, brigadier-general, says:

"The above estimate is submitted in order to comply with the provisions of the act of June 6, 1896, as follows: Provided, that the contracts may be entered into, under the direction of the secretary of war, for materials and work for construction of fortifications, to be paid for as the appropriations may from time to time be made by law, to an additional sum in the aggregate not to exceed $2,500,000."

Arrangements are in progress for making contracts for materials and work in accordance with this proviso. These, it is expected, will be in force January 1, 1897, and the sum of $2,500,000 will be required for expenditure during the present fiscal year.

This $2,500,000 is in addition to the $2,400,000 already provided by congress for such works in the last fortification bill, and will probably result in work being begun at various points on Puget Sound early in the coming year.

VALLEJO, Cal., Dec. 24.—Though work has slackened somewhat at the navy yard, owing to the discharge of a part of the force because of a lack of funds, there is still a fair amount of work in progress, some 600 men being employed. Work still continues on the Baltimore, Concord, Mohican, Ranger and Pensacola, for which ships money was especially set aside by the last congress.

The cruiser Charleston, however, did not come under this head, and will probably have to wait until the appropriations of the present congress are available before her repairs begin. The gunboat Petrel, which was placed in commission on December 16, is at the dock fitting out with stores for a three years' cruise on the China station. She will probably be here for two months more, during which time she will be inspected by the board of inspection.

It is stated that before the next season opens the Governor of Maine will appoint an inspector to see that the law passed in the spring regulating the standard of quality of American sardines and the quality of oil to be used to the case is enforced in all of the packing factories. The legal quantity of oil to the case is four quarts, but there are rumors that in some instances not more than one quart has been used.

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F. F. HEDGES,
Secretary-Treasurer
Victoria, 21st December, 1896. de22

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TO LET—The second story of the Lewis Lewis building, containing a large hall; also 3 furnished rooms and parlor on the third floor. Apply to Lewis Lewis. de23-1m

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JUST arrived from Mill Bay, 75 cords No 1 dry cordwood; for sale at current rates; in short or long lengths as required; your order solicited. A. C. Howe. de19

5000 shares Consolidated Alberni for sale; offers wanted Monday; also 1000 shares Channe 27 cents. John A. Wilson & Co., mining brokers. no29

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Applications will be received by the undersigned for the position of teacher for Trenant Public School, Delta Municipality, up to the 1st day of January, 1897.

Applicants to state the grade of certificate held by them.

By order.
J. B. BURR, Secretary.
Ladner, December 1st, 1896. de2-1m

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

A Woman Held Up and Robbed at the Door of Her Home.

Billiard Tournament—Grippe in Westminster—Travel on the Fraser—Ore Shipments.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 24.—Public feeling in the city is at fever height this morning caused by the publication of the news that Mrs. R. C. Ferguson was held up by a robber at the door of her own residence yesterday afternoon in broad daylight, and her purse containing $11 taken from her. The facts of the case are briefly as follows: About half-past three yesterday afternoon Mrs. Ferguson sent the nurse out on a message and immediately afterwards there came a knock at the door. Mrs. Ferguson answered the knock personally and found a man standing outside, who asked if the master of the house was in. Being informed that he would not be home until dinner time, the man pulled some papers out of his pocket and said he would leave, but when Mrs. Ferguson advanced for the purpose of taking them from his hand, the man whipped a revolver out of his pocket and held it at Mrs. Ferguson's head telling her he needed money and she had better go upstairs and keep quiet while he helped himself to what he could find. Mrs. Ferguson told him all the money she had was in her purse and handed it to him, who took it and decamped. Mrs. Ferguson at once telephoned to her husband and information was given to the police, but up to this writing no trace of the man has been found.

An offer to bond in a large amount the Victoria claim, an extension of the Argo mining claim adjoining Sandon townsite, has been made by an English syndicate. It is altogether likely the offer will be refused as the owners do not consider it large enough. Mr. G. D. Scott, of the Vancouver mining bureau, is one of the principal owners.

There is still some talk of a third candidate for the Mayoralty in the person of Alderman William Brown, at present representing Ward 4. Candidates for aldermen are coming forward in large numbers. In Ward 2, Walter Hepburn and Charles Boardman, both officers of the Trades and Labor Council, are freely spoken of. In Ward 4, ex-Ald. Sanders, J. A. Tomlinson and John Dickenson are probable candidates.

A parade of the local companies of the Canadian artillery took place last night, when the drum and bugle band made its first appearance in public. Favorable comment was universal.

A dance was given last night by the firemen at hall No. 2 in aid of the widow of a late employe of the city, who is in destitute circumstances. The net proceeds for the evening were nearly $100, and the affair was a brilliant success.

Mr. William Nicholson and Miss F. E. Valentine were united in matrimony yesterday by Rev. W. T. Stackhouse, and left on the afternoon train for their future home in Revelstoke.

The organ recital and concert in Christ church on behalf of the building fund was a decided success. The performers acquitted themselves admirably, and the attendance being good the collection realized a goodly sum.

A hockey match is announced for Christmas Day, and the Ladies' Hockey Club will give an exhibition of their public form on Monday.

The billiard tournament at Hotel Vancouver is creating great interest, the fourth round having been reached and the game in a most interesting condition. On Monday Mr. A. W. H. Curtis, who is a hot favorite at 200, plays Mr. Loewen, second favorite at 300. Considerable money will change hands over the game, the winner being practically the winner of the tournament.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 24.—An epidemic of la grippe is prevalent here just now. Mr. J. C. Brown and family, and Mr. Pearson's children are ill.

The steamer Transfer brought down a heavy cargo of freight but few passengers yesterday. Travel on the river is exceptionally light this season, owing to a not too prosperous season amongst the farmers of the valley during 1896.

REVELSTOKE.

REVELSTOKE, Dec. 22.—Ore shipments through Revelstoke since last export is as follows:

	Tons.	Value.	Dest'n.
Idaho	80	$11,701.00	Everett
Mountain Chief	20	2,469.00	"
Monitor	17½	1,910.00	"
Slocan Star	60	4,420.50	Omaha
Total	177½	$20,510.50	

BURGLAR CAPTURED.

Exciting Chase After a Housebreaker—Rolled Down a Steep Cliff Followed by a Constable.

NANAIMO, Dec. 24.—(Special)—Word was received at the provincial police headquarters last evening that a cabin at Nanaimo river had been broken into while its occupant was at work, and that a gun, new suit of clothes, overcoat, etc., had been stolen; also a pair of blankets and $4.50 in cash taken from an adjacent Chinese cabin. Constable McLeod found that the gun had been offered for sale at a second-hand store, but was disposed of at another place.

About 8 o'clock this morning the constable who had spent the night in an unsuccessful search for a further clue entered Taylor's secondhand store and had been there only a short time when the man who had sold the gun reappeared and offered the blankets for sale. The constable noticing a pair of pants under the man's coat suddenly pulled them out and asked if he was going to sell them also. The man tried to escape but the constable grabbed him and a warm scuffle ensued, the man proving exceedingly strong. He was, however, finally subdued, and with the assistance of a couple of bystanders handcuffed and led off to the Provincial jail.

When nearly opposite the court house he bolted with the constable at his heels and made for the steep cliff behind A. R. Johnston's house. The constable warned him not to go down, but he recklessly jumped over the bluff with his hands fastened. Constable McLeod made after him, the two rolling over each other all the way down until stopped by a big boulder. The man appeared to be somewhat injured and was therefore taken to the jail in an express wagon. He again offered some resistance when he reached the jail and refused to give his name. He appears badly used up by his fall, though the constable fortunately escaped with a few scratches. The burglar is a tall young man with large cheekbones and a light moustache. He was unable to appear for preliminary trial to-day.

LANDING OF FILIBUSTERERS.

Spaniards Sustain Heavy Losses—Military Train Dynamited—Why Weyler Changed His Plans.

KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 24.—Passengers from Cuba report that the Three Friends expedition has landed at Guanabo. They also say that the insurgents have burned a monastery near Moro castle, on Havana bay, within range of the guns of Moro castle.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—A special to the Commercial Tribune from Tampa, Fla., says: One of the Cuban leaders has received news from Havana confirming the report recently received of Spanish losses sustained near Santiago and other towns while attempting to capture the cargo of a filibustering vessel. The Spaniards were routed and wired to Deschalaine, 30 miles away, for aid. A train was made up with great secrecy, but the Cubans sent word out to a near by insurgent camp. The track was dynamited as the train came along, the bomb causing great destruction, four cars being almost blown to splinters. The Spanish soldiers poured out of the wreck only to receive a withering fire from the Cubans concealed behind the roadbed. The Spaniards fought bravely for a few moments but fled in all directions, the Cubans pursuing them for miles. Over 40 Spanish soldiers were killed or wounded and 40 taken prisoners. The Cubans secured a quantity of arms, ammunition and medical supplies. It is reported that the expedition landed safely and that all the cargoes were taken to Gomez' camp.

In Havana much speculation is indulged in as to why Weyler changed his mind and went to Pinar del Rio section, instead of going to Matanzas into Santa Clara province as had been arranged. The solution is that bad news was received from the Spanish front near the trocha, and that the Spanish commanders, not wishing to stand the responsibility, wired for Weyler.

The last reliable reports from Manzanilio says Maximo Gomez has finally taken up his march with an escort in the direction of Santa Clara.

AS THOUGH RATS WERE GNAWING HIM.

In the original preface to his "*Confessions*," De Quency says that Mr. Addington an Under Secretary of State, and brother to the first Lord Sidmouth, once said to him that he felt *as if rats were gnawing at the coats of his stomach*. Some time afterwards poor De Quincy entertained the same idea about himself, and went to Professor Wilson for advice. Observing his patient's morbid mental condition, the Professor said: "De Quincy I am shocked at you. You say you have an animal in your stomach, and that he gnaws you. Why shouldn't he? He is hungry. Feed him, and he won't bother you." And the Professor at once administered a bowl of hot soup.

Yet this "gnawing" drove Addington, and also the Dean of Carlisle, to the use of opium, while De Quincy was a well known devotee to that fearful drug. How many others have become opium eaters from the same cause? Why, almost half the letters we receive mention that "gnawing" sensation; but, thank Heaven, the writers have been cured before been tempted to resort to a palliative which is a thousand times worse than the disease.

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"This was my miserable state when, in September, 1893, a gentleman advised my father to induce me to try Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup. The suggestion was a welcome one, and I got a bottle from Lewis's, in Market street, Manchester, and after using it only one week I felt much better. A bottle or two more completed the good work. The sickness and pains in the stomach ceased and I was able to eat with a relish and digest without difficulty. I was well as ever, and am glad to give the credit of my recovery to Mother Seigel's Syrup. Signed Miss Mary Williamson, Bispham, near Blackpool, August 1st, 1894."

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We often hear that in these days people have grown cold and selfish. Every faculty of the mind as well as every energy of the body is taxed to the utmost in order to obtain the necessaries, the comforts, or, it may be, the luxuries which we have learned to look upon as indispensable to our existence. There is little time for thought and still less for sentiment. To get work and to do it well absorbs our attention to the exclusion of every other interest and almost every feeling. Thus we feel ourselves, and so we judge others. Life has lost its enthusiasm and we perform our duties faithfully, indeed, but without the zest which makes work a pleasure or the love which lightens labor. So sometimes we think, but are we right in taking this gloomy view of the lives of ourselves and our neighbors? Have there not been around us for the past week incontrovertible evidences that love and sympathy and friendly interest in others fill to overflowing the hearts of the men, women and children of our city?

Last week the scholars brought, many of them not of their abundance, gifts for the children poorer than themselves. The different benevolent societies have been filling the cupboards of those who were without the means of purchasing for themselves the little luxuries suitable to the season, and the wealthy have given needed help to those institutions where the sick and homeless are cared for. One has only to watch the little groups who crowd the stores to see that the tastes and wishes of others have been carefully studied, and that there is no selfishness in the eager gladness with which each buyer seizes upon some peculiarly suitable present, anticipating the delighted surprise of the loved one for whom it is intended. One notes, too, the careful anxiety of many a one to see that all are remembered and the ingenuity which, with very small means, finds something that will give pleasure.

How the children hug the treasures they are bringing home for father, mother or baby brothers and sisters, as if they were afraid they could not keep their secret close enough. The news-carrier goes from door to door laden with kind messages and thoughtful gifts which have crossed sea and land to remind us that after all love and memory can overcome time and distance. So much is apparent to anyone who has eyes to notice what is going on around him, but gentle kindness and delicate tact which relieves want without seeming to recognize it, the sympathy which tenderly strives to bring comfort and hope to the bereaved and broken-hearted, the helping hand stretched out to the erring and sinful, are among the deeds done in secret by many a follower of Him who was never deaf to the cry nor blind to the sign of distress.

Then if we visit the homes and watch and listen to the children we shall feel that not only the spirit of kindness of sympathy and love are abroad in the city, but that mirth and joy have not yet departed from amongst us. The gladness, the gullelessness and the gratefulness of children is never more beautiful than at Christmas time. It is their festival in a peculiar sense, and they are wise who try by every means in their power to make Christmas a day whose memories are all those of loving faces, kind voices and generous gifts. Perhaps, in no other way can we better honor Him who brought the message of Peace on Earth and Good Will to Men or obtain His approval who loved to bless the little children.

ARBITRATION.

A great step has been taken towards the civilization of the world when two great nations have decided to agree to submit to arbitration all questions in dispute between them as they arise. This Great Britain and the United States are about to do. When one thinks of it this solution of the matter seems so reasonable and so just that it is a wonder it was not arrived at long ago. Why is it more rational for two nations to go to war over a number of square miles of territory than for two men to fight about a few yards of land? Yet the nation which gains the coveted district or province by the sacrifice of thousands of brave men is honored and praised, while the man who, by the exercise of brute strength, attempts to take what he cannot prove he has a right to is looked upon in every civilized country as a dangerous scoundrel. Why should right and justice rule the individual while the nation is free to do whatever it has the power to perform?

That nations have at length learned that their honor does not require them to resent every insult or to avenge every injury, but that they can depend on the mutual honor on good faith of each other to make restitution when an impartial judge has decided what is due the injured party, is a long step in the direction of higher national morality. It is only to be expected that nations like individuals will sometimes grumble at the decision of the judge, but if they submit to that decision their ill-temper may be set down to the weakness of human nature, and the world may congratulate itself that the miseries, the crimes and the horrors of war have been averted.

So far as England and the United States are concerned arbitration has passed beyond its experimental stage. These nations have tried both ways of settling controversies, and it is no wonder that the leaders of public opinion in both countries have come to see that the just and peaceable way is the better. There have been five questions in dispute between these two great nations which have been left to the decision of arbitrators.

The first concerned the claims arrising from the war of 1812, which was referred to the Czar. This was settled to the satisfaction of all parties. The frontier dispute between Maine and New Brunswick was the next matter of controversy between the two countries. In this case the King of Holland was chosen arbiter and gave his decision in 1831, though the matter was not finally settled until 1842, eleven years later. Then came the famous dispute regarding the Alabama claims, which was submitted to the Geneva arbitration and settled in 1872. In the same year the San Juan dispute was decided in favor of the United States by three experts appointed by the Emperor of Germany, who had been chosen as arbiter. The last case was, as everyone knows, that concerning the seal fisheries in Behring sea, settled by the Paris arbitration. To this may be added the Venezuela boundary dispute, which is just about to be settled.

There may, and, no doubt will, in the future, arise cases where the honor of a nation is so wounded that no compensation or no apology can avert war; but it is a great comfort to be able to feel that the reason must be grave indeed that will cause England and the United States to engage in a struggle, which must result in terrible loss to both, and can bring no compensating gain to either.

TOO HIGH A PRICE.

There is a good deal of talk just now about a reciprocity treaty between Canada and the United States. Everyone acknowledges that such a treaty would be of great advantage to this country, but almost all are agreed that the freest commercial intercourse with our neighbors across the line would be bought at too great a price if, to gain it, we were compelled to sever our connection with England and surrender our political, as well as our commercial independence. Yet this is what the San Francisco Chronicle, in an article in its issue of the 17th inst., states would be the condition and the result of commercial union. It says:

It is not to be supposed, of course, that the United States would consent to have the customs frontier between the two countries wiped out unless Canada would agree to levy the same duties upon the products of all the rest of the world that are now imposed by that country.

After showing that Canada would in such circumstances virtually become part of the United States the Chronicle goes on to show how she could be forced actually to take her place as a member of the Union:—

Any time that the United States might want Canada it could get it by holding out the alternative of annexation or a return to the old custom house system under a higher scale of duties.

We think there are very few Canadians who will feel anything but resentment at the arrogant proposals of the Chronicle. If the advantages to be derived from commercial union were tenfold greater than they are, Canada might well hesitate to accept them at the hands of a neighbor who would use the power she had obtained to entrap her into a union which she did not wish to enter. Canadians have no desire to have thrust upon them the many and difficult problems which the United States have to solve. Their own path may be steep and the road rough, but their way is clear compared to that which lies before the statesmen of the neighboring republic.

THE SPANISH COLONIES.

The war in Cuba still continues. Whether Maceo's death—if it has really occurred—will make the conquest of the island easier or not does not yet appear. In the meantime Spain is drained of her resources to put down the rebellion in the Philippine Islands. These islands contain a much larger population than Cuba, and if the rebels are anything like as resolute as the Cubans are it will be very hard, if not impossible, to conquer them. It is officially stated that twenty-five thousand Spanish troops are on their way to the Philippines, and though this is not a large army still the cost of sending them such a long distance, and of providing for their support is a heavy tax on a country which for the last two years has had to spend men and money in the so far fruitless attempt to put down an insurrection in another distant colony.

It is thought that both Japan and Russia would like to obtain possession of the Philippines, but whether Spain would be any more willing to part with her troublesome possession in the East than she is to grant self-government to her rebellious colony in the West is doubtful. The Philippines have for some years, instead of yielding a revenue to Spain, been a source of expense to her. But the Spaniards have shown of late that though they are cruel and tyrannical, they can be self-denying and generous when they think the honor of their country is concerned.

CHINESE POLITICS.

China is a paradise of boodlers. Every official from the highest to the lowest is bound to make all he can, fairly or unfairly, out of his office. Li Hung Chang is the prince of boodlers as well as of other things. When he was adjudged, after his return from Europe and America, to distribute among the court officials and others no less a sum than eight millions of taels, or one million pounds sterling, it might be thought that he was a ruined man, but he was nothing of the kind. He was, to all appearance, as well off after he had paid this immense fine as he was before it was imposed. Li had been fifty years in public life, and he had used his opportunities of amassing wealth wisely. This is what a Chinese censor said about Li in the official gazette:

The brothers Li have grown wealthy from the proceeds of several tens of years of vice-regal power, and the money spent by them to purchase official rank for their sons and nephews, is but as grains from well-filled granaries or as drops from the ocean's expanse. . . . If we bring Li to Tso's side and compare the two—if we notice the immense wealth, the power and influence of the scions of the Li and Ts'en clans (Ts'en was another offender), and then look at the more industrious Tso, it would not take much shrewdness or far-sightedness to judge who has been the more honest to the throne and the greater patriot to the country.

This denunciation of Li in the official organ of the Government does not appear to have discomposed Li Hung Chang very much. He had the money and could stand the abuse. Robert Haye Douglas in the Nineteenth Century, in an article on some Peking Politicians, says:

Such being the condition of affairs in China we may well despair of the future of the empire. The whole system of administration is rotten to the core, for there is no sign or symptom of any effort towards progressive reforms. Ninety-nine out of every hundred Mandarins are wedded by long habit and by personal interest to the existing system. A few men, doubtless, are conscious of a better way, but it will be a mistake to suppose from their rare enlightened sentiments that there is any disposition to throw off the trammels of corruption and wrong which have enwrapped the country for so many centuries. The whole weight of the nation is in the opposite scale, and the efforts of the infinitesimally small minority of would-be reformers can no more seriously affect the enduring outline of the national polity than the successive forests of beech and fir can determine the shape of the everlasting hills from which they spring."

EDITORIAL NOTE.

The following shows that in India the bungling of long-winded, conceited city councillors can be put a stop to by the government when the health and comfort of the inhabitants of the city require its interference. Sir Alexander McKenzie, Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, laid the first stone of the drainage extension works at Calcutta a short time ago. In reply to an address, he strongly criticized the inconsequent debates and unbusinesslike work of the corporation, and said that unless steps were taken to remedy the present appalling state of sanitation, the government would have to act without consulting the municipal authorities.

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When did you come back?" "I just got back this morning" "Well, how are things?" "Oh, quiet; they don't look quiet in this town. If you were to go past HENRY CLAY'S and and see all those Cakes and Plum Puddings, all marked SOLD, it don't show hard times here." "Well, you understand why, Jack. Because he is the ONLY man in town that knows his business; he buys the best material, and his goods must be first-class quality. Don't forget the number—39 Fort Street. Good day, Jack."

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Ever made in Victoria is now on exhibition in our window. It's nine stories high, beautifully figured with cupids, and will be raffled Xmas Eve. Also leave your orders early for Xmas Cakes, Plum Puddings, Mince Pies, Short Bread, Fancy Pastry, etc. We make the finest cakes in the city, and will guarantee you satisfaction.

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Embroidered Handkerchiefs,	Fancy Handkerchief Boxes
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Jan. 7—Farm property. Joshua Davies.

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SPENCER'S ARCADE.

One case kid body dolls arrived last night and marked at special prices; a good one for 25c.; better ones 50c. to $1.25. See window to-day for a special line of 10 and 25c. dolls; regular prices $1.25 to 25c.

THE CITY

REMAND No. 17 in the case of Lawrence v. McCallum was duly recorded in the city police court yesterday.

THE little folk of the Baptist Mission on Burnside road enjoyed their Christmas tree on Wednesday evening.

THERE will be a practice of the Fifth Regiment Football Club at the Hill this morning, when all are requested to turn out.

A CHRISTMAS dinner was given at the Chinese Rescue Home yesterday to the former inmates who have, married, and their families.

W. W. BUCHANAN, editor of the Hamilton Templar, and a temperance lecturer of considerable fame, is expected here shortly to give a series of lectures.

THE treasurer of the Refuge Home committee acknowledges with thanks a Christmas donation from the Mayor and Council of $25; also the gift from Mr. S. M. Robins, of Nanaimo, of five tons of coal.

THIS being Christmas Day the COLONIST will not be published to-morrow. It is sincerely to be hoped that the festivities will be heartily enjoyed and that there will be a general realization of what a Merry Christmas actually is.

THE annual entertainment of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sunday school will be held on Tuesday evening, when after tea the children will spend an hour in play, and then will come the concert and distribution of prizes and other good things to the fortunate youngsters.

THE wines of France. The enormous value of the production of the vineyards of France is hardly realized by the world generally. The wealth of that great country is largely derived from viticulture and the success of this industry is no doubt due in a great measure to the very superior quality of the wines. No other country has yet produced good champagne, and among the various brands of this delicious wine probably none stands higher than the pure and perfect Dry Monopole of Messrs. Heidsieck & Co., Rheims. This wine may now be obtained in the Province from Messrs. Heidsieck's agents, Turner, Beeton & Co. x

THE Cadboro school children had a Christmas tree and entertainment on Monday evening, for which quite extensive preparations had been made with most happy results. The pupils were seated on a platform raised in tiers, so that each little one had an unobstructed view of the huge Christmas tree, reaching from floor to ceiling and loaded down with beautiful and useful gifts for all. The room was nicely decorated with evergreens and mottoes, and each of the girls among the pupils wore on her head a crown ornamented with gilt stars, the whole scene presenting a very pretty effect. With Mrs. J. M. Campbell presiding at the organ a programme of songs, choruses and recitations was given by the pupils and much appreciated, and solos by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thomson and Mr. Taylor were a pleasant feature of the entertainment. Santa Claus put in an appearance during the evening and after complimenting the pupils on their appearance gave them a little good advice and then proceeded to distribute the presents. Mr. J. M. Campbell, the teacher of the school, took occasion to thank all those whose generosity had enabled him to pay all expenses connected with the Christmas tree and to purchase a dictionary for the school. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell were the recipients of many compliments and of more substantial token of the good-will and the appreciation of the people of Cadboro district during the evening.

Bass' XXXX on draught at the Occidental x

Selling at cost—A large lot of children's games and toys at Lombard's music store. x

Buy air-tight heaters at Cheapside. x

IN all the Anglican churches to-day special collections will be made for the benefit of the clergy widow and orphans' fund.

THE legislature at the coming session will be asked to incorporate a company for supplying the town of Nelson with water from Anderson creek.

NO MEETING of the Sir William Wallace Society will be held until this day week, when Hogmaney will be celebrated with a first-class concert.

NOTICE is given in this week's Gazette that application will be made to the legislature to incorporate Greenwood City, Yale District, and Rossland, in West Kootenay.

WILLIAM HAWKSBY and Miss Emma Wilson was joined in marriage at the residence of Mr. Tyler, 51 Hillside avenue, last evening. The wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. Solomon Cleaver in presence of the most intimate friends only.

MRS. GLENROY CLUNES died at her husband's residence yesterday morning at the age of thirty-three. The deceased was a native of New Westminster and leaves a husband to mourn her loss. The funeral takes place on Saturday afternoon.

MR. JAMES L. FORRESTER, becoming a member of the firm of George Shedden & Co., at the end of the present year, the management of the Canada Paint Company's Victoria branch will be assumed on January 1 by Mr. W. T. Andrews, of Toronto.

THE ninety-second drawing for an appropriation of the Vancouver Island Building Society was conducted by a committee composed Messrs. H. A. Munn, W. Scott and J. H. Meldram last evening. The successful number was 92, belonging to Mr. C. Booth and Mrs. Mary Shaw.

LIEUT. SAMPSON SLADEN, R.N., of H. M.S. Wild Swan, whose wedding was erroneously referred to in yesterday's COLONIST, was not married until last evening. The marriage was performed in the Reformed Episcopal church by Right Rev. Bishop Cridge, the bride being Fanny Harriet, the eldest daughter of the late Lieut. George Sayer Boys, R. N. Lieut. Sladen is a son of Colonel Joseph Sladen, of the Royal Artillery of Ripple Court, Kent.

SEVERAL projected railways will seek incorporation by private bill at the next session of the legislature, one of them being for the construction of a railway from Vancouver to Trail, Mr. G. E. Corbould, of Westminster, being solicitor for the applicants. The object is to build a road from Vancouver to some point on the Columbia river via Westminster, thence eastward on the south side of the Fraser to Trail, with power to construct a branch to some point on the Gulf of Georgia. Another application of which notice is given in this week's B. C. Gazette by Mr. F. E. Ward, as agent, is for a railway from Ashcroft or Kamloops to Barkerville. Application will also be made by Wilson & Campbell, as solicitors, to extend the time for the completion of the Cariboo railway for four years.

HERE is the programme of the concert to be given by the Fifth Regiment band at the Drill hall to-morrow (Saturday) night:

March—"The Brownie Boys" ..... Finn
(Respectfully dedicated to the "Brownie Boys" of the Vic Amateur Minstrels.)
Overture—"William Tell" ..... Rossini
Waltzes—"Rhinesagen" ..... Gungl
Grand Fantasia on "American Airs" ..... Bendix
Presentation of Royal Canadian Humane Society Medals by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor.
Grand Potpourri—"Reminiscences of the Minstrels" ..... Finn
(Respectfully dedicated to the members of the Victoria Amateur Minstrels.)
Waltzes—"Sympasia" (by request) ..... Bendix
(a.) Song and Dance—"The Coon Wedding" ..... Finn
(b.) Characteristic Skit—"O'Hoolihan" ..... Finn
Selection from "Macbeth" ..... Verdi
God Save the Queen.

FURS MUST GO.

All our remaining Fur Necklets and Muffs are to be rushed out between now and New Year's Day; see the prices.

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A Regular Slaughter of odds and ends of stock; and 10 per cent. discount on all cash purchases (except Slater Shoes) from our regular stock. If you contemplate giving any one of your relatives a substantial gift, see our stock of slippers.

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"A MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

Some Reflections on the Day Which the Christian World Is Celebrating.

"Christmas comes but once a year," as the old saying has it, "but when it comes it brings good cheer." The day which the Christian world celebrates is one that ushered in a wonderful epoch in the history of the world. It brought in a new and undreamed of system in the world's polity, for who will deny that the life, the example, aye and the death, of the Babe of Bethlehem, when His time had fully come, has exercised and has continued to exercise a wonderful influence, not alone upon individual hearts and lives, but upon the very constitution of civil government. "Peace and goodwill" was the message with which His personal entrance upon this sublunary sphere was heralded, and although His declaration was that He "came not to send peace but a sword," His kingdom is peace in a sense that no declaration of any earthly monarchs could have been intended to mean.

His own life was one of disquiet, of storm and of conflict with those who were opposed to Him and His teachings, while peace was the legacy which He left when His earthly career was closed. Ever since, as before His time, contending elements have been warring and oceans of blood have been shed. Nevertheless the indications are that never was the world as near the realization of the era of peace as it is to-day, and the arbitrations that have progressed and for which provisions are being made for the future would serve to indicate that the Golden Age is not so very remotely distant, even the most traditionally warlike of civilized nations hesitating to resort to the arbitrament of the sword when there is a prospect of peaceful settlements being arranged. The nations, it would appear, are getting better and most of them in some form or other profess belief in the teachings, and at least admiration for the life and the deeds of Him whose coming to earth is to-day celebrated. How far the individual conforms is matter for his conscience; but certain is it that the personal element has had very much, indeed, to do with the improved conditions.

These remarks will generally apply to the nations of the earth, with the exception of a great and influential people who still anxiously await the advent of the Messiah, whose characteristics and mission are to be much the same as those of the element which to-day rejoices in the birth of Him whom they hail as the Saviour. This is indeed a great day among Christians, whether professedly or only nominally such. The ones will celebrate it the world over by their services of praise and thanksgiving, while both will alike rejoice upon the day which, at least once in the year, is calculated to awaken and to stimulate into lively exercise the warm sympathies and the most generous characteristics of which individuals are possessed.

One and all delight to think kindly of those whom they know or to act liberally towards those whose conditions have a claim upon their benevolence, while, in the family, Christmas is always the most glad and most merry of the year, save when sickness and sorrow have interposed, and then is it that they may count upon the warmest consideration on the part of those who are acquainted with their case.—COM.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

The match at the Canteen grounds yesterday between the Navy and the Nondescripts resulted in a win for the Navy by one point. The ground was very muddy, but good plays were frequently made on both sides. In the first half the Navy failed to score, while Goward and Foulkes each secured a try for the visitors, the first being converted. After half time the Navy forwards brought the ball to the visitor's quarters, and so irresistable were their rushes that they quickly placed three tries to their credit.

TO-MORROW'S ENGAGEMENT.

The following team will represent the Y. M. C. A. in a practice game against the Junior Wanderers at Beacon Hill tomorrow, the game commencing at 3 o'clock: Goal, R. Lorimer; backs, W. York and W. Kinsman; half-backs, Walter Winsby, W. A. Lorimer and H. Scott; forwards, B. Schwengers, Noat, J. W. Lorimer, W. N. Winsby and L. York. Reserves, H. Holden and J. Barnswell. All members of the Y. M. C. A. Rugby and Association Football Clubs are to attend at Beacon Hill this morning, from 10.30 to 12 for practice.

The following Victoria football team will play against the Navy at the Canteen grounds Saturday; Full back, H. Petticrew; three-quarters, J. Miller (captain), C. Wilson, C. Gamble, K. Scholefield; half-backs. H. B. Haines, A. T. Goward; forwards, L. Crease, A. D. Crease, A. B. Spain, J. K. Macrae, W. R. G. Atkins, J. H. Austin, W. O'Brien and A. Langley.

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THE TIDES DISAPPOINT.

No Unusually High Water Along the Front Yesterday—The "Alger" Clears.

Captain George Roberts, of the steamer Willapa, which plies on the Alaska-Puget Sound route, is spending his Christmas at home. Concerning the published rumors to the effect that a large and palatial steamer was to be placed on the Alaska route in connection with the Willapa, Captain Roberts has no news to give. So far as he knows Captain Clements will continue in command of the City of Kingston. To the report that he is to take charge of the new vessel on the Alaska line to work in association with the Willapa, he gives no credence whatever. When Captain Roberts was last in Alaska the weather was fine, and he thinks that Captain Moore, the Canadian mail carrier, who is long overdue from the upper Yukon, may be looked for here some time in February, as by then a journey from that remote part of the world will be possible owing to the rivers and lakes being frozen over.

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM.

Either owing to an absence of wind, which, as predicted, meant that there would be no cause for excitement, or to the fact that there will be no change of moon until next week, there were no extraordinary tides yesterday. Wharfingers, however, rejoiced at the scare, for not in a long time have the sheds been freer of freight, and all they hope for is that the "high tides" will come more frequently. The water yesterday was not more than a few inches higher than it usually is.

MARINE NOTES.

Two arrivals in the roads yesterday were the barks Harvard and Chehalis. Both are in ballast seeking and were towed to their present anchorage by the American tugs Astoria and Tyee.

The schooner Allie I. Alger, Captain R. Lavender, cleared on a coast sealing cruise yesterday with a crew of 24 whites.

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Str. Islander	from	Vancouver.
" City of Kingston,	"	Port Townsend.
" Rosalie	"	" "
" Princess Louise	"	N. Westminster.
" Evangel	"	Port Angeles.
" Tyee	"	" "
" Astoria	"	" "
" Florida	"	Shanghai.
" Constance	"	Departure Bay.
" Fingal	"	Vancouver.

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" Tyee	"	" "
" Princess Louise	"	N. Westminster.
" Evangel	"	Port Angeles.
" Astoria	"	" "
" Fingal	"	Boundary Bay.
Sch. Allie I. Alger	"	N. P. O.

A LONG list of newly incorporated companies appears in the Gazette of last evening, as follows:

B.C. Exploration Co., of Rossland; with capital stock of $100,000.

Big Six Gold and Copper Mining Co., of Rossland; $1,500,000.

Camp Hewitt Mining and Development Co., of Vernon; $1,000,000.

Canadian Mining, Milling and Smelting Co., of Sandon; $2,000,000.

Canada Prospecting and Mining Co., of Vancouver; $100,000.

Carnduff Mining and Development Co., of Slocan City; $1,000,000.

Dry Belt Mining and Milling Co., of Sandon; 1,000,000.

Fourteen Gold Mines Consolidated Co., of Rossland; $5,000,000.

Golden Cache Extension Gold Mining Co., of Vancouver; $600,000.

Granite Mining and Smelting Co., of Spokane; $500,000.

Ibex Mining & Development Co., of Slocan, Kaslo, $300,000.

Kootenay & North West Mining Co., of Rossland; $1,000,000.

Kootenay Mercantile Co., of Rossland; $5,000.

Noblesse Gold Mining Co., of Rossland; $150,000.

Olga Gold Mining & Milling Co., of Tacoma; $1,000,000.

Ottawa & Ivanhoe Silver Mines, of Rossland; $250,000.

Scottish Columbia Mining & Development Co., of Vancouver; $1,000,000.

Spencer Consolidated Mining Corporation, of London; $5,000,000.

Sinclair Canning Co., of New Westminster; $20,000.

Tin Horn Quartz Mining Co., of Victoria; $200,000.

Washington Mining & Leasing Co., of Spokane; $1,000.

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RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.

Interesting Statement Regarding the Progress of the Enterprise in the United States.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The annual statement of construction to be published by the "Railway Age" this week will show that during 1896 only 1,802 miles of railway lines were built in the United States. This is one mile less than the total reported for 1895, and is the smallest mileage built in any year since 1875. The number of lines on which this track was laid is 163, which is 11 less than the number of new lines added in the previous year. Track was laid in 38 of the 49 States and Territories. The longest mileage was built in California, 187 miles on eight lines.

The Railway Age states that many railway enterprises were under way early in the year which would have added hundreds of miles of track, but were stopped by the financial agitation preceding the election. Fully 2,500 miles would have been built in 1896 but for the uncertainty developed from the political campaign.

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Christmas Services To Be Held in the Churches of Victoria To-Day.

The Music and Services Will Have Special Reference to the Day.

Christmas Day, always hailed as the most joyous of all the Christian festivals, will this year be cheerier than ever in Victoria, for much of the gloom that overshadowed the continent last year is rolling away and the people, with grateful feelings, will to-day pour forth their thanksgivings. The services in the churches will be of the usual bright character with special Christmas music, while many of the sacred edifices have been prettily decked with holly and flowers.

At Christ Church cathedral the services to-day are: 8 a.m., holy communion; 11 a.m., matins and sermon by the Bishop. At the morning service the musical programme is:

Opening voluntary—"Hallelujah Chorus."
Processional hymn.....60 A. and M
Venite and psalms.....Chants for the day
Te Deum.....Edmund Turner
Anthem—"Thus Speaketh the Lord of Hosts".....Stainer
Hymn.....59 A. and M
Kyrie.....Semper in Unison
Offertory sentences.....Barnby

There will be holy communion at 8 a.m., and morning prayer and holy communion at 11 a.m. at St. John's church, the music being:

Organ voluntary—"Pastoral Symphony From Messiah".....Handel
Venite and special psalms to chants.
Te Deum.....Dr. Dykes
Benedictus.....Langdon
Kyrie (M.S.).....L. Bradley
Anthem—"Behold, I Bring You Glad Tidings".....Smith
Hymns 61, 66, 313.

Holy communion at 8 a.m., and morning prayer at 11 a.m., will be held at St. James' church, the rector, Rev. J. S. Sweet preaching, and the order of music being:

Hymn—60.
Festal Responses.
Venite.....W. Crotch
Proper Psalms, 19.....Monk
" " 45.....Ouseley
" " 85.....Tuile
Te Deum }
Jubilate }.....Bridgewater
Anthem—"And there were Shepherds."
Hymn—59.
Hymn—62.
Amen.....Stainer
Kyrie.....W. T. Best
Gloria.....W. T. Best
Hymn—323.
Nunc Dimittis.

Much care and labor has been expended upon the decorations at St. Barnabas church, the screen and altar especially with their bright evergreens, holly and wealth of flowers showing much taste in design, and together combining to form a picture fitting the great festival of The Nativity. The services of the day are:

8 a. m.—Holy Eucharist.
10.30 a. m.—Choral Matins.
11.30 a. m.—Holy Eucharist. Choral, with Sermon.
Processional Hymn—60.
Venite—Chant 228.
Psalms—19, 45, 85.
Te Deum.....Stainer
Benedictus.....Langdon
Introit.....Adeste Fideles
Holy Eucharist.
Semper in F.

At St. Saviour's church Rev. W. D. Barber will officiate at the services, which are: 8 a.m., holy communion; 11 a.m., shortened morning prayer and holy communion; 4 p. m., evening prayer.

There will be morning service with holy communion at St. Mark's church at 11 a.m., with special Christmas music.

At St. Luke's, Cedar Hill, the services are: 8 a.m., holy communion; 11 a.m., morning prayer, Rev. Mr. Flinton preaching.

The collection at morning prayer at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's, Esquimalt, will be in aid of the widows' and orphans' fund, Carols and other Christmas music will be sung; and there will also be holy communion at 8 a.m.

Christmas will be ushered in at St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral with high mass at 6.30 a.m., with Rev. Father Nicolaye, celebrant; Rev. Father Althoff, deacon; Rev. Father Laterme, sub-deacon. At 8 a.m. and 8.30 a.m. Rev. Father Nicolaye will conduct low mass, and at 10.30 a.m. there will be grand high mass, with Rev. Father Althoff, celebrant; Rev. Father Nicolaye, deacon, and Rev. Father Laterme, sub-deacon, and sermon by Rev. Father Laterme. The choir will at this last service sing Lejeal's 3rd mass in B flat. At the offeratory the solo will be sung by Miss S. McNiff, with choir obligato, and the "Adeste Fideles," arranged by Novello, will be sung by the choir.

A Christmas service will be conducted at the First Presbyterian church at 11 a.m.

A special Christmas talk to the children will be given by the pastor of the Congregational church, Rev. P. C. L. Harris, at 11 o'clock.

Rev. J. F. Betts will preach at the 11 a.m. service at Centennial church, and special music will be rendered by the choir.

The only other noteworthy announcement is Reformed Episcopal church, where there will be morning prayer, and toe choir will sing carols and other special music.

The Japanese government has appropriated, it is said, the sum of £12,800,000 in the extension of telephone lines. The work of construction is being rapidly carried out at various important places, the intention being to complete by 1898 the expansion of the service connecting Tokio, Osaka and Yokohama, as well as the new constructive work in other cities, and to establish a telephonic connection between Tokio and Kobe.

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GOVERNMENT TENDER "QUADRA."

Her Accustomed Service Neglected in Order That She Might Wait on Ministers.

It is worth noting that while the attention of the Dominion Government has been directed to the urgent necessity of placing a second vessel on this coast, the Quadra during December was for an extended period placed at the disposal of visiting ministers. On December 1 she left for Seattle to meet the Minister of Marine and his party, and it was not until the following Saturday that she returned to port—five days' loss of time for both vessel and crew. All this time the ordinary passenger steamers were running regularly. Then on the night of the 13th inst. the Government steamer was again called into requisition to carry the minister to Vancouver. Two days later she was again ordered to Seattle to meet the Minister of Railways, and there she cast anchor and patiently awaited his arrival for a couple of days more. not returning to Victoria until the 17th—three more days, the Quadra's cruises of this description only ending when the Minister of Railways was safely set ashore at the Terminal City. Ten or eleven days altogether were in fact employed in conveying ministers, when necessary work was waiting to be done, such as looking after buoys, lighthouse tending or fulfilling the numerous and important duties which the steamer has ordinarily to attend to. It is true that when Hon. Mr. Bowell and his party were here they used her for a trip up the Northern Coast, but that was essentially a business trip, the services of the vessel being required to reach remote settlements on the Coast which had to be visited.

CADBORO DISTRICT SCHOOL.

Pupils Under Mr. J. M. Campbell Show Marked Progress for the Term Just Closed.

One week ago to-day a large number of the residents of Cadboro district assembled at the schoolhouse for the purpose of witnessing the closing exercises of the term. The children were examined in the various subjects taught during the term, including history, arithmetic, reading, writing and grammar, the customary practice of entertaining the visitors by a programme of songs and recitations being abandoned by the present teacher, Mr. J. M. Campbell. The manner in which the children marked their advancement in their various exercises was a pleasant surprise to all present. At the conclusion of the examination, addresses were made by Messrs. J. Deans, Watson Clark and the trustees, who congratulated the children on the progress they had made and urged them to take advantage of having a good teacher who was well qualified to make them all good scholars. Mr. Campbell was complimented by one and all for the standard of progress he had succeeded in maintaining in his school, and the examination was brought to a close with three cheers by the children for their teacher.

"THORNTON" CASE OPENED.

Evidence on the Seizure Begun Before the Behring Sea Claims Commission.

The case of the schooner Thornton was opened at the Behring Sea Claims Commission sitting yesterday morning by Sir Charles Tupper, who stated that in many respects the claim was similar to that of the Carolena, and evidence in the one case would in some measure be applicable to the other. The steam schooner Thornton was seized in Behring Sea on August 1, 1886, by the United States revenue cutter Corwin, and condemned.

The Thornton was built in 1861 at Dungeness, Washington, and was registered as a British bottom at Victoria.

H. J. Cook, who rebuilt the vessel in Victoria in 1877, said in the witness box that in 1886 the vessel was in good condition as ever, and should be worth $5,000. Walter Walker put the vessel's value at $6,000, with the steam auxiliary power, and Capt. Warren claimed that in 1886 she was worth between $5,000 and $6,000. Several other witnesses gave evidence as to catches, and the Commission adjourned early in the afternoon until to-morrow morning.

STOCKS IN NEW YORK STRONG.

Business Mainly Professional—Reference in Dun's Review of Trade to Chicago Bank Failures.

NEW YORK,, Dec. 24.—The Evening Post says in the main the tendency of to-day's stock market was strong. No one did business except the professional speculators, and the course of prices indicated that most of these adventurers have been short on the market lately. The few declines were due to particular causes, well enough understood. Closing prices:

Canada Southern	46
Chicago, Rock Island & P	66
General Electric	31⅞
New York Central	93½
Union Pacific	25¼
Western Union	82½
Commercial Cable	161¼
C. P. R. in London	56½

R. G. Dun & Co., in their weekly review of trade, will say: The failure of two important banks, the second in size of business in Chicago, and the oldest in St. Paul, with some others dependent on them, closes not favorably a month which promised to end with only moderate commercial disaster. Other important events of the week are the failure of the billet and rail pools to find a basis for agreement, and the somewhat general discharge of hands or reduction of wages in the shoe manufacture.

If sick headache is misery, what are Carter's Little Liver Pills if they will positively cure it? People who have used them speak frankly of their worth. They are small and easy to take.

Municipal Notice

All parties having accounts against the Corporation of the City of Victoria are requested to render a statement of same at the City Treasurer's Office not later than Saturday, the 26th instant.

CHAS. KENT,
Treasurer.

City Treasurer and Collector's Office,
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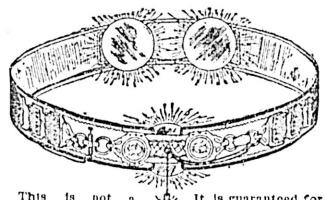

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IN THE POSTAL SERVICE.

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 5.

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MORTGAGE • SALE

Thursday, December 31st, 1896.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage, dated 25th October, 1893, sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 12 o'clock noon on Thursday, December 31st, 1896, for the purchase of the following property situate on Victoria Arm, adjoining the residence of James Dunsmuir, Esq., viz:—

Lots 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 and 13, Block 8, and part of Block 19, Block C., Constance Cove Farm, (on Map 382,) and residence thereon.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

For particulars apply to
THOMAS R. SMITH,
de24 Temple Building, Victoria.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.
15th December, 1896.

HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor in Council directs that the following Rules, framed under the authority of the "County Courts Act," shall come into force from the 24th day of December, 1896.

By Command,
JAMES BAKER,
Provincial Secretary.

1. There shall be a vacation in the County Courts of Victoria, Nanaimo, New Westminster and Vancouver, from the 24th day of December, 1896, to the 3rd day of January, 1897, both days inclusive, during which vacation, subject to the further provisions hereinafter contained, no cause shall be tried.

2. Nothing in these Rules shall interfere with the issue or service of ordinary default or judgment summonses, or garnishee proceedings, or with proceedings for obtaining judgment or default summonses.

3. Nothing in these Rules shall interfere with any criminal proceedings.

4. During said vacation the office hours of the Offices of the Court shall be in accordance with Rule 693, "Supreme Court Rules, 1890."

5. These Rules may be cited as the "County Courts (Christmas) Vacation Rules, 1896." de18

Estate of William Gibson, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Alonzo S. Taylor, of Everett, State of Washington, U S, by order of the Hon. Mr. Justice Walkem, has been appointed to administer, within the Province of British Columbia, the estate of the above-named deceased, who died at Monte Cristo, Snohomish County, State of Washington, on the 22nd day of December, 1895.

All debts owing to the said estate are to be paid, and all claims against the said estate are to be presented duly verified, to the undersigned.

Dated this 24th day of November, 1896.

SAMUEL D. SCHULTZ,
49 Langley street, Victoria, B.C.,
no25 Solicitor for the Administrator.

Children Free.

By sending your name and address (write plainly) to Adams & Sons Co., 11 and 13 Jarvis street, Toronto, Ont., you will receive one of their beautiful paper dolls, with moveable heads and bodies, for the children free.

Fraser Valley and Kootenay Railway Company.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, at its next sitting, for the passage of an act to incorporate a Company to be called "The Fraser Valley and Kootenay Railway Company," to construct, equip and operate a line of railway from some point on Burrard Inlet or English Bay to New Westminster; thence eastward through the valley of the Fraser River and the southern part of British Columbia, by the most direct and feasible route, to the Town of Rossland, with power to amalgamate with, lease, purchase or otherwise acquire the Burrard Inlet and Fraser Valley Railway Company, or any railway, or portion of a railway, either as a branch of or part of such main line; to build a branch line or lines from the City of New Westminster to some point on the coast line between the International Boundary Line and Point Garry, and such other branch lines as may be deemed advisable; to construct and maintain steamers, ferries, wharves and docks; to make traffic and operating arrangements with other railway lines, and to construct, maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines for other than railway purposes.

A. L. BELYEA,
de16 Solicitor for the Applicants.

The Nest Egg Mining Company, Limited Liability.

Notice is hereby given that the special general meeting of the shareholders of the above Company, which was held at the head office, Victoria, B.C., on Monday, December 7th, 1896, at 3:30 p.m., for the purpose of considering the advisability of disposing of the whole of the assets, is adjourned until January 20th, 1897 at the same hour and place.

By order,
W. H. ELLIS,
de18 Secretary-Treasurer.

NOTICE.

A special meeting of the shareholders of the British Columbia Coal, Petroleum & Mineral Company Limited Liability, will be held at the Company's office, 45 Fort street, Victoria, on Monday, the 4th day of January, 1897, at 12 o'clock noon, to pass a resolution authorizing the company to dispose of the whole of its assets on terms then to be agreed upon.

Dated December 2nd, 1896.

F. B. PEMBERTON,
de3-1m Secretary

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Dominion Parliament at its next sitting for a private bill to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing, equipping, maintaining, and operating a railway from a point on the south boundary line of British Columbia, between the 134th and 136th degrees of Longitude, at the head of Lynn Canal, and thence northerly and westerly by the most feasible route to the north boundary line of British Columbia, with power to construct maintain, and operate branch lines and all necessary bridges, ferries, and wharves, and construct, own, and operate telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to build, own, and operate steam and other vessels, to take and use water for generating electricity and other purposes, and to acquire foreshore rights and lands for the right of way, station grounds, and other necessities, and to acquire lands and other bonuses or aids from the Government of Canada and British Columbia, or from any municipality, corporation, or person, to aid in the construction of the said railway, and make traffic and other arrangements with other railway companies or persons, and for all other usual and necessary powers and privileges, and also for power to levy a royalty on all precious metals passing outwards over the said road when constructed.

Dated at the City of Victoria, British Columbia, this 19th day of August, 1896.

DRAKE JACKSON & HELMCKEN,
Solicitors for Applicants.
Victoria, B. C. au23

NOTICE.

A meeting of the shareholders of the Island Mountain Quartz Mining & Milling Company (Limited Liability) will be held at the Board of Trade Rooms, Victoria, B.C., on Monday, 28th day of December, 1896, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of sanctioning and confirming an agreement with a company called The Island Mountain Gold Mines (Limited) of London, England, and of authorizing the trustees to convey and transfer to the said Company all the properties, leases and assets of every kind of the Island Mountain Quartz Mining & Milling Company (Limited Liability), and also to sanction an agreement as to the distribution of stock set forth in a letter addressed by the President of the Island Mountain Quartz Mining & Milling Company (Limited Liability), to the Directors of the Island Mountain Gold Mines (Limited) dated July 27th, 1896.

T. LUBBE, Secretary.
Victoria, 23rd November, 1896. no25-4w

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at the next session thereof for an Act to incorporate a religious body to be called and known as "The Holiness Movement (or Church)," and to authorize such corporation to meet and adopt, frame or repeal constitutions, and to make regulations for enforcing discipline in said Church, and to empower said corporation to acquire, receive and take conveyances of such lands, moneys, mortgages, securities or other property as may be required for the purposes of a chapel or chapels, college or colleges, school or schools, or other educational purposes connected with the said Church, and for the purpose of a printing and publishing house or houses in connection with the said Church, and for power to undertake and carry on such business of printing and publishing, and for authority and power to endow and support such chapels, colleges and schools, and such printing and publishing house or houses and a book depository or depositories in connection therewith, and to take and receive the benefit of any gift or devise by will or otherwise in its said corporate name or otherwise, and to give said Church all necessary powers connected therewith.

BRADLEY & WILD,
Solicitors for Applicants.
Dated at Ottawa, this 16th day of November, A.D. 1896. no25-1taw-9t

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NOTICE is hereby given that on Monday, the 4th day of January, A.D. 1897, at the hour of 2:30 o'clock p.m., at my auction room, Dunn Hall Block, Vancouver, I will offer for sale at public auction pursuant to instructions received by me from the receiver, all and singular the certain piece or parcel of land and premises situate, lying and being in the city of Vancouver, and described as City Lot numbered 30 (thirty) of Block numbered 13 (thirteen) in the subdivision of the westerly portion of Lot number 196, Group 1, New Westminster District according to a map or plan deposited in the Land Registry Office at New Westminster, and there numbered 184. Terms cash. Dated this 14th day of December, A.D. 1896. W. H. Hooper, auctioneer. de15 td

Public Notice.

To Whom it May Concern.

Take notice that I have revoked all Powers of Attorney given by me at any time to Harry Symons, of the City of Calgary, in the District of Alberta, Advocate, and that the said Harry Symonds is no longer in any way authorized to act on my behalf.

no28-1w H. E. FORSTER.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

In the Matter of the Official Administrators Act and in the Matter of the Estate of Maggie Burke, Deceased Intestate.

Notice is hereby given that by an order of the Honourable Mr. Justice Walkem, bearing date the 4th day of December, 1896, I was appointed Administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the above-named deceased.

Persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased are requested to send me particulars thereof on or before the 31st day of December, A.D 1896, and all persons indebted to said deceased are required to pay such indebtedness to me forthwith.

W. MONTEITH,
de8-6t Official Administrator.

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Jan...4, 9, 14, 19, 24, 29	Jan... 2, 7, 12, 17, 22, 27

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TIME TABLE No. 29.

Takes effect December 24th, 1896.

Vancouver Route.

Victoria to Vancouver—Daily, except Monday, at 1 o'clock.

Vancouver to Victoria—Daily, except Monday, at 13:15 o'clock, or on arrival of C.P.R. No. 1 train.

New Westminster Route.

LEAVE VICTORIA for New Westminster, Ladner's Landing and Lulu Island—Sunday at 23 o'clock; Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 o'clock. Sunday's steamer to New Westminster connects with C.P.R. train No. 2 going East Monday.

For Plumper Pass—Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 o'clock.

For Moresby and Pender Islands—Friday at o'clock.

LEAVE NEW WESTMINSTER for Victoria—Monday at 13:15 o'clock; Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.

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A ONE-SIDED STORY.

Something With Respect to Spain's Side of the Cuban Question.

(From the Mail-Empire.)

Of Spain's side of the Cuban question we hear nothing. Though there is a legion of war correspondents whose racey pencils keep the American press overladen with fresh news from the shifting scenes of hostilities, they never have a redeeming act or fact to credit to the Loyalists. The instructions to these reporters appear to be to turn in news always flattering to the insurgents or derogatory to the Spaniards.

This, at all events, is the kind of stuff they provide. The wrongs that are supposed to have provoked the insurrection are kept steadily before the eyes of the civilized world; Weyler, if he is not in the forefront, is gratuitously exhibited there as a ruthless butcher; tales of Spanish barbarity are worked up and served up daily. On the other hand, we hear much of the devoted heroism of little bands of patriots, of Amazons fired with the sentiment of liberty, and such like. When the chaff and rubbish are blown out of all this mass of stuff the residuum of fact left may be very small. Also in what is suppressed by American correspondents there may be a large and important body of fact in favor of Spain. All information coming through American channels—and there is little leaks out through any other medium—is discolored by the self-interest of the United States. The jingoists, who appear to be enormously in the majority, can scarcely wait for a decent excuse to pounce on Cuba and annex it. Hence the supply of sensational and biassed Cuban news furnished to and by the American press. Much of it is manufactured to order, and is part of the plan of campaign which Spain's enemies are waging against her.

The story of Maceo's death is an example. That seems to have been an aftershought, and on the face of it bears but little trace of probability. Whether true or false, there can be no question that it was intended to kindle feeling against Spain in the United States, and, if possible, embroil the two countries. Undoubtedly much of the news is intended for mischief. However much Spain may be to blame for the trouble in which she is now involved, there are facts in her favor which ought to be admitted. It cannot be said that she always turned a deaf ear to the islanders. When it is true the taxing power is exercised in Madrid, it must be remembered that Cuba is allowed to have a hand in it. In the cortes or parliament of Spain Cuba is represented by sixteen senators and thirty deputies. That these are not powerless to effect the course of fiscal legislation for their colony is shown by the fact that they were able to bring about the withdrawal of the retaliatory clauses of the tariff, which took effect against the United States after that country terminated the reciprocity treaty admitting Cuban sugar free. The Cubans found the discrimination was hurtful to themselves, and the mother country did not enforce it.

It is further to be remembered that the ministry of Sagasta went some distance to meet the demands of the Cubans for home rule, inasmuch as it conceded that half the council of administration should be elected, and that some portion of the budget should be determined by that body. These concessions, though small, and subject to the veto of the governor, may have been thought sufficient for the present stage of Cuba's development. Of the 1,600,000 people on the island only about 65 per cent. are white. It might be a mistake to give a large measure of self-government all at once.

In the New Review Mr. James Fitzmaurice-Kelly shows that the Cuban question is by no means what the purveyors of news to United States readers make it out to be. The sympathy thus aroused in favor of the belligerents is, in his view, misplaced. Spain, instead of holding too hard a hand over the island, has been, he considers, too yielding. He is convinced that no constitutional readjustments would allay the discontent, and that the time has not arrived for making any changes. "Cuba," he maintains, "is the spoiled child of Spain," and that, on the whole, the Mother Country has governed the island with rare benignity and wisdom. To give in to the insurgents would, he insists, mean the abandonment of the island to the blacks.

ANTI-CANADIAN LAWS.

The Vexatious Immigration and Alien Labor Legislation of the U. S. Congress.

(From the Montreal Gazette.)

Two bills, one of them plainly aimed at Canadians, are now before the United States Congress for the purpose of regulating immigration. One provides that every male immigrant coming into the country shall pay a duty of $100 at the port of debarkation, that he shall be a man of character, able to read and write, and that he shall be ready to renounce his allegiance to the land of his birth. There probably never was a time in the history of the United States when such a provision as the latter was less necessary. It is a peculiarity of Washington legislators, however, that, as the country they represent grows great in population, wealth and varied achievements, their dread of sharing their advantages with outsiders grows stronger.

There was an hour, in the dark birth time of the Republic, when there was meaning in the watch-word "put none but Americans on guard to-night." When the new nation has assumed almost a giant's strength, when all countries are inclined to court its good-will, when it has no enemies except those whom it deliberately chooses to make, seems a ridiculous time to extend the prohibition to the forbidding of any but United States citizens to earn their daily bread under the shadow of the Stars and Stripes. Had such narrowness always ruled, the United States to-day would have been poorer by the amount that millions of intelligent and industrious foreigners have contributed to its material advancement.

The other bill aims to make it unlawful for an alien, unless he becomes naturalized and has resided a year in the United States, to seek or accept employment therein, and for every violation of the law there will be a fine of not less than $100 or more than $500. It is doubtful if the author of such a measure rightly comprehends what it means. It will particularly affect Canadians, too many of whom, unfortunately, yet seek opportunities of earning their living in the United States. Administered by a DeBarry, or by anyone acting in his spirit, such a law would make it impossible for a Canadian workingman to cross the United States border without danger of imprisonment.

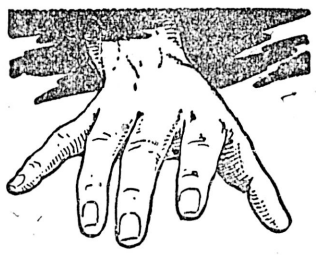
Such proposals are the more vexatious because in Canada there is no restriction put on the employment of United States citizens. They are found everywhere, both as workers and in business. There is hardly a large establishment in Montreal that does not contain several employes who boast of their United States citizenship, without anyone seeking to use it to their disadvantage. How long this satisfactory condition of affairs will continue to last if such bills as the congress at Washington is now debating become law and are enforced, few will venture to say. There is already a strong feeling in favor of retaliation, and an alien labor bill has received in the Canadian parliament an amount of support that a good many of our people are a little ashamed of, even while they admit the provocation. Neither the one nor the other is in the interest of amity, and it is trusted, for the sake of both countries, that neither the United States nor the Canadian bill will ever become law.

ON LITERATURE.

Conan Doyle's Response to the Toast at a Dinner in London.

Sir E. J. Poynter, president of the Royal Academy, was recently entertained at dinner by the Royal Societies Club, St. James' street. Sir Clements Markham, president of the club, occupied the chair.

Dr. Conan Doyle, in responding for literature, said that if to be prolific was a sign of prosperity, literature should be more prosperous than ever. Every other calling had some entrance test. In this one it had been said that a true test was whether one felt irresistibly inclined to write. Most of them felt irresistibly inclined to write, but they were waiting to find some one irresistibly inclined to read what they had written. (Laughter.) A hundred years ago the average annual output of novels was about 16. Now it averages two or three a day. In the monotonous and often sordid routine of modern life people clamored to be taken out of themselves. Wreck them on a waterless island, transport them to the planet Mars, precipitate them into anything from the court of France to the court of an east-end slum, and they were grateful. Neither novelist nor poet could complain of neglect, but when they came to the more solid forms of literature there was no room for that prosperity to which they had drunk. The writers had not degenerated, but the reader had become demoralized. The daily paper, the weeklies, the monthlies, had all come between him and the big books. We inclined to get our knowledge in scraps and in snippets. It was all made so easy for us that we could hardly realize the intellectual hunger of our ancestors; the delight with which they seized a new book, and the avidity and thoroughness with which they read it. For such men as Carlyle there were no bookstalls piled with cheap literature, no little pirate magazines full of the plundered spoils of a dozen goodly books. Abraham Lincoln owned only five books in his youth, but they were all classics in their way, and they and life combined to mould him into one of the grandest specimens of the Anglo-Saxon type. We could not put back the clock and make books rarer—no one would if they could, but it might be no bad thing for a man now and again to forswear absolutely for a month in the year all ephemeral literature, and to bring an untarnished mind to the reading of our classics. (Cheers.) It was his fate for seven months to be shut up where he could neither read papers nor see any new books. The statement sounded suspicious (laughter), and to prevent painful misconceptions he hastened to add that he was on board a whaleship in the Greenland ocean. Among their very few new books were Boswell's Johnson and Macaulay's essays and Goethe's plays. Those were not bad shipmates to sail with for seven months. A desert island containing a small but select library would be the prescription of the future against the haste and superficiality of modern life.



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Lands and Works Department,
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Its Congress to Be Entirely Elected by the People of the Island.

Similar Reforms for Porto Rico to Be Granted by the Queen To-Day.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Another important step towards the plan of Home Rule for Cuba has been taken by the Spanish authorities. The former plan proposed, but not executed, some months ago, provided for a Cuban congress of thirty members, of whom the Queen Regent was to name fifteen and the people of Cuba were to elect fifteen. It is now proposed to do away with that part providing for the naming of members by the Queen Regent, so that the entire Cuban congress will be elected by the Cuban people This and the entire control given to Cubans in making the tariff laws of the island will constitute the essential features of home rule. That giving the people the election of the entire congress is said to carry out in spirit as in letter the idea of Home Rule.

Thus far only the general nature of the proposed changes have been known to the officials in Washington, and the draft of the revised plan of the reforms has not been received nor is it likely to be completed until after the completion of the Porto Rico reforms which will be signed by the Queen Regent to-morrow as a suitable Christmas act. Under the Spanish system it will be necessary to submit the foregoing changes to the cortes which is not now in session, and is not likely to meet before February.

The Christmas Day reforms for Porto Rico are closely allied with those for Cuba, being the second section of the same law. They give Porto Rico a Congress, the province of San Juan and Penoe alternating every two years in choosing members for a term of four years. The congress is given control of the whole island, public works, telegraph, post office, railways and navigation, agriculture, manufactures, trade, immigration and colonization, public institutions, charities, the health department, etc. The home government will continue to be represented by a captain-general, who will exercise supervisory power and be the local delegate of the minister of the colonies.

The foregoing was the plan approved by the Cortes, but as in the case of Cuba it is believed the plans will be enlarged so as to make the congress wholly representative of the people of the island. The definite action of the Queen in signing the Porto Rico reforms to-morrow, is believed by officials here to be the prelude to similar action for Cuba.

THE ARBITRATION TREATY.

Merely An Experiment—If Successful It Would Eradicate Many Existing Prejudices.

(From the N. Y. Times.)

The announcement that the negotiation of a general treaty of arbitration between the United States and Great Britain is about completed will be received with genuine satisfaction wherever the English tongue is spoken. While the exact details of the proposed covenant have not been made public, its main features are sufficiently known to indicate its scope and character. One of the immediate advantages of the treaty would be an assurance that while it continued in force the commercial world would not be disturbed by a menace of wargrowing out of such disputes as those named.

At the same time, it should be remembered that such a compact would be an experiment. This is tacitly acknowledged by the treaty itself, for its operation is limited to five years. Moreover, there are manifestly certain questions, such as those touching national sovereignty and honor, which it is impossible for a treaty of this kind to cover. A wilful and deliberate insult to the ensign of the Republic or the United Kingdom, for example, is an act which does not admit of arbitration any more than an invasion of the soil. No nation can permit such indignities to be made the subject of arbitration without loss of prestige and self-respect and without weakening its own stability. The proposed agreement, accordingly, is to be applicable to only international disputes which arise from an honest difference of opinion. This is right. There is no more reason why such questions cannot thus be settled than ordinary disputes of fact and law which arise between individuals.

It was the dream of the poet that a day would come when the "war drum should throb no longer and the battle flags be furled in the parliament of man." So far as the world at large is concerned, such a dream may still be a dream, but unless all signs are amiss the English speaking races of the globe are gradually being drawn together by a community of interests and sympathies. They inherit common habits, common customs, a common language and common ideas of justice and freedom, and in this age of telegraphs and swift ocean navigation it is absurd that geographical difference alone should convert them into foes. The pending treaty would tend to eradicate much of the prejudice of this kind that may still linger and hasten the time when the Anglo-Saxon peoples everywhere shall be bound together in one tie and shall fulfil their destiny of dominating the civilized world.

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FOSTER IN CORNWALL.

The Late Minister of Finance on the Issues Before the Country.

Ministerialists Afraid of Discussions—The Spoils System—Manitoba School Question.

(From the Montreal Gazette.)

Hon. Mr. Foster, who followed Sir Adolphe, expressed his pleasure at his second opportunity of addressing a Cornwall audience. He said that instead of making a speech he was going to point out a few of the peculiar things which he had noticed in connection with this election. Firstly, the Liberal government which, according to their own story, was composed of all the talent and virtue in the country, although they had the grace to say that Sir Adolphe was pious at times, was the Liberal party which had always preached the doctrine that they did not fear open and full discussion of all public questions. In this county they had been challenged to meet on a public platform, the representatives of the Liberal Conservative party.

Did they accept this fair challenge? (Loud cries of no and cheers.) No, they would not accept this challenge, and although nine or ten cabinet ministers and several of the rank and file had spoken in the county, they had neither allowed a Conservative to appear on their platform nor had they appeared on any Conservative platform; no, they don't want a fair and open discussion where both sides of the question can be put fairly before the electors. Another peculiarity was that the stalwarts, the gladiators who for 17 or 18 long years had been fighting the battles of the Liberal party, Charlton, McMillan, McMullen, Gibson and others, old and tried liberals, who had not been favored with a cabinet position, were conspicuous by their absence from the present contest.

Mr. Laurier and his ministers were all here, but because he was afraid these men who had for years been denouncing the National Policy in parliament and out of parliament would forget themselves and attack it here, Mr. Laurier had kept at home these sturdy champions of free trade. To talk free trade in Cornwall and Stormont would play the dickens with the East. Therefore, the campaign was left to the leaders who could be relied upon to say little or nothing. For seventeen long years the Liberals had preached day after day about the sacred franchise of the free electors. How nice it would be if preachers always lived up to what they preach. In Russia the Czar writes an order and it is law, but centuries ago the British knights at Runnymede forced King John to sign the magna charta, and thus laid the foundation of British liberty. In no cause has more blood, nor better blood been shed than in the battle to give to the people the right to govern themselves. Voters of Cornwall and Stormont, you go to the polls on Saturday as kings to exercise that blood-bought right as your conscience directs, but what do we find when the Liberals are in power?

PLAYED OUT U. S. SYSTEM ADOPTED.

The axe is raised over the head of every official in the employ of the Government. He could see this in the state of affairs in the Civil Service in Ottawa and it could be seen here in Cornwall. The Liberals, with threats in one hand and bribes in the other, were endeavoring to drive the electors of this constituency to do as they wished. We occasionally hear of the spoils system of the United States. The spoils system of the United States has outlived its days, and for the past eight years has been steadily eliminated from the United States Civil Service. It remained for the Liberal party to introduce into this country the old worn-out cast-off spoils system of the United States. All over the country officials were being discharged and the government was busy appointing commissions to find reasons to dismiss officials and make room for good Grits. He cited the instance of the postmaster, Mr. Farrow, who was not charged with having done any wrong as a postmaster, but the man who had caused the investigation was by his own evidence, looking for the position. This cause placed every civil servant in a very humiliating position. A spying system had been introduced and the officials were watched day and night for a pretence on which they might be discharged. Mr. Tarte was quite a dexterous slight-of-hand performer. Officials were turned out in scores with the excuse that their services were no longer wanted, and Grits were quietly put in their places. This state of affairs was disgraceful. It was not good for the country.

Mr. Foster then said that since his last visit the people of Cornwall had heard Mr. Tarte and Dr. Borden, and again last night Hon. Mr. Laurier. These gentlemen seemed to think that all that was expected of them was a lot of abuse of people who were miles away. In these days of telephones, telegraphs and newspapers, it was difficult to lie about an absentee and not be found out. Mr. Tarte, in the language of the sporting fraternity, was an expert at hedging. In the first place Mr. Tarte thought that as Mr. Bernier was in Winnipeg, a thousand miles away, he could tell a little story about him, and stated that Mr. Bernier received $4,000 a year for services as inspector of schools he did not inspect, and $8,000 additional for translating documents. The telegraph overcame the distance of 1,000 miles, and Mr. Bernier quickly contradicted this in toto, gave it a complete denial, not only on his word of honor, but also by the official records. What do you think of a minister of the Crown who would thus lie about a brother Frenchman?

THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

Referring to the school question, Mr. Foster said that the Catholic minority of Manitoba had asked for the restoration of their rights they enjoyed previous to 1890, when their separate schools were taken away from them. The remedial bill introduced by the Liberal Conservative party was framed to give back separate schools as far as the constitution permitted. Mr. Laurier last night said that the bill did not provide for financial aid to the separate schools from the provincial government.

We did not put any provision for this in the bill. Neither did we at any time even attempt to dispose of the financial affairs of the Empire of Russia. In both cases there was the same good and efficient reason. The constitution did not give us such power. It would have been waste of paper to have attempted to do a thing which the constitution did not empower us to do. Mr. Laurier knew this, and admitted it, after blaming us for not doing it. In the remedial bill we attempted to give the minority the power to pay for their own schools, and when so doing to be exempted from paying for other schools, and our bill had the assent of the Manitoba minority. Mr. Laurier acknowledged that his settlement does not give the minority the separate schools they asked for, and any separate schools they may have will have to be paid for out of their own pockets over and above the money they will have to pay to the public schools. Last night Senator Scott made the somewhat remarkable statement that from the time he read the decision of the Privy Council he knew that separate schools in Manitoba were an impossibility, and yet Mr. Scott never told the Senate nor even Mr. Laurier, who went from end to end of the Province of Quebec before the last election, promising his compatriots and religionists that the separate schools would be restored to the Catholics of Manitoba. Mr. Scott evidently never let Mr. Laurier into the secret till after the election.

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DR. ZERTUCHA SCORED.

Estrada Palma, the Cuban Delegate in New York, Makes a Statement.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Thomas Estrada Palma, Cuban delegate to this country, issued the following statement to-day: "I am not very much surprised to see Dr. Zertucha rush into print for the purpose of distracting attention from himself by attracting it to a scandalous charge which can only aid him with the Spanish. For me it is sufficient indication of the man's character that he surrendered to the enemy under the conditions in his case, and that he is treated in such a kindly manner by the Spaniards. What more natural than that he, in combination with Spanish diplomacy, should be the instrument by which the revolution should be discredited.

"I know from letters received from Gen. Antonio Maceo, personally as well as from a person in our mutual confidence, through whom we frequently communicated, that Maceo was not in the desperate straits depicted by Zertucha. The following extract from a letter lately received will show that Maceo was well satisfied with the condition of affairs:

"Pinar del Rio, Nov. 30. My distinguished friend:—The active operations of the campaign have prevented me, much against my wishes, from answering immediately your welcome communications of the 19th and 25th ult. General Ruis Rivera happily disembarked with all the war material sent, which was well employed in a series of hard combats which we sustained against our enemies, but which were all almost signal victories for us."

"The plan of General Weyler was to imprison our army between two fortified lines and then make us suffer a tremendous defeat by means of simultaneous attacks by forces previously placed in those positions, but the most brilliant success crowned our efforts; six of the enemy's columns, which tried to impede our progress after our saving the exploring expedition of General Ruis Rivera, being destroyed.

"As late as December 6, the day it is reported that Maceo was killed, a person of confidence and veracity had a conference with Maceo. I am informed that Maceo then stated that the Cuban forces in the province of Pinar del Rio, were in excellent condition under the command of Ruis Rivera, and that he was well satisfied with his position. Zertucha's last published interview differs in detail from all the others previously published. His assertion of Maceo's disappointment is absolutely groundless. Zertucha's gratitude toward his former companions in arms are not such as to win for him the credence of any honest man."

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PERSONAL.

Rev. Dr. Reid is over from New Westminster.

M. King returned from the Sound by yesterday's afternoon steamer.

Henry Croft returned yesterday from an extended visit to Kootenay.

F. B. Ward was a passenger from Vancouver by yesterday evening's Islander.

Mme. Laird was a passenger from the Sound by the City of Kingston last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant, of Shanghai, who are returning to the Orient, are registered at the Driard.

A. E. and Mrs. Goodman, of Vancouver, are spending the holidays as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis.

R. and J. A. Angus came over from the Mainland last evening to spend Christmas at the Capital.

R. Traeger, of the Red Cross Brewing Company, came over from the Terminal City yesterday evening.

M. Strouss, R. Cunningham and Dr. Milne were passengers to Victoria from the Mainland yesterday evening.

George Brown, of Alberni, who has been in town for the last few days, went over to Vancouver on a business trip.

A. W. Vowell, superintendent of Indian affairs, returned yesterday evening from an official visit to the provincial mainland.

T. L. L. Lewis, Toronto; W. McNeill, New York, and J. J. Holland, Vancouver, are among the arrivals at the New England.

Alonzo M. Murphy and Mrs. Murphy, Spokane; W. A. Woodword, London, and J. C. Nicholl and Mrs. Nicholl, Montreal, are at the Driard.

Mrs. Thomas Watson, Mrs. Sinclair, Mrs. J. W. Ackerman, Miss Gardiner and Miss Shotbolt were passengers from the Mainland by the Louise yesterday.

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